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SUBJ: HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAM UNDER SECTION 116(E) OF THE  
FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT/CENTER FOR LAW AND SOCIAL POLICY

REF: STATE 133004

1. POST CONCURS IN PROPOSAL TO SEND LAWYER FROM CENTER TO DEVELOP APPROPRIATE CONTACTS REGARDING HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION, BUT WISH TO NOTE THAT SIERRA LEONE'S POLITICAL SCENE PARTICULARLY IS SENSITIVE NOW WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW ONE PARTY STATE CONSTITUTION AND POSSIBILITY OF MAJOR PERSONALITY CHANGES IN GOVERNMENT. BECAUSE OF THIS AND FACT MOST SENIOR EMBASSY OFFICERS WILL BE ON LEAVE IN JULY AND AUGUST, WE WOULD PREFER VISIT TO TAKE PLACE AFTER ACCRA VISIT. POST PRESUMES FURTHER PROPOSALS FROM CENTER FOR LAW AND SOCIAL POLICY WILL BE CLEARED WITH POST PRIOR TO IMPLEMENTATION.

2. SINCE AID SUPPORT FOR CENTER AND LAWYER'S VISIT UNDOUBTEDLY WILL COME TO ATTENTION OF GOSL IN ANY CASE, WE BELIEVE GOSL SHOULD BE INFORMED OF PROPOSED VISIT AND USG SUPPORT AS SOON AS ITINERARY KNOWN. ALSO, BECAUSE FREETOWN SUFFERS FROM A SURPLUS OF LAWYERS, MANY OF WHOM WILL ACCEPT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE EVEN THOUGH THEY KNOW IN ADVANCE THEY CAN PROVIDE

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LITTLE OR NO EFFECTIVE SUPPORT FOR PROJECT, WE REQUEST LAWYER FIRST CALL AT EMBASSY AND PERMIT US ARRANGE INITIAL CONTACTS. LAWYER ALSO SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT UNDER NEW CONSTITUTION, SIERRA LEONE JUDICIARY MAY NOT ENJOY ITS FORMER INDEPENDENCE AND ATTEMPTS TO ADDRESS CERTAIN HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS THROUGH LEGAL MEANS MAY NOT BE PRODUCTIVE.  
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